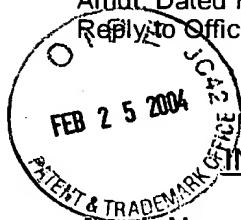


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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2003. The three month response period expired on January 21, 2004. Applicant's attorney hereby requests a one month extension of time to extend the response period through February 21, 2004. A check in the amount of \$880 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee and the one month extension of time filing fee.

In response to the Office action of October 21, 2003, paper no. 14, and the personal interview conducted on January 28, 2004 (paper no. 15), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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